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Substitute House Bill No. 6295
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 16, 2011

AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE OFFICERS WHO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT WITH ANOTHER POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 7-294d of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to (1) any state
5 police training school or program, (2) any sworn member of the
6 Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety, (3)
7 Connecticut National Guard security personnel, when acting within
8 the scope of their National Guard duties, who have satisfactorily
9 completed a program of police training conducted by the United States
10 Army or Air Force, (4) employees of the Judicial Department, (5)
11 municipal animal control officers appointed pursuant to section 22-
12 331, or (6) fire police appointed pursuant to section 7-313a. The
13 provisions of this section with respect to renewal of certification upon
14 satisfactory completion of review training programs shall not apply to
15 any chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice who

16 has satisfactorily completed a program of police training conducted by
17 the division. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this
18 section, any police officer certified in accordance with subsection (a) of
19 this section may accept employment with another police department
20 within this state without repeating minimum basic training.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	7-294d(f)
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in no fiscal impact by allowing police officers to transfer from one law enforcement agency to another ("lateral transfer") without repeating basic training. Currently the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) does not require any police officer seeking a lateral transfer to repeat basic training.

House "A" alters the original bill by continuing to require police officers who accept employment with another department within Connecticut to satisfy entry-level requirements. This eliminates the associated savings to various municipalities in the original bill.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6295 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE OFFICERS WHO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT WITH ANOTHER POLICE DEPARTMENT.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows police officers certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) and working at a Connecticut police department to accept employment with another Connecticut police department without having to repeat minimum basic training, as currently required by POST. But they must still comply with entry-level requirements.

POST regulations require POST-certified police officers who move to a different department in the state to be certified anew. This is defined as "lateral certification." The candidate must meet all the entry level requirements for an original certification. He or she must also satisfactorily complete a POST-approved police basic training program, except when his or her last appointment to a similar position was (1) within Connecticut, (2) followed by at least two years of continuous service, and (3) interrupted by no more than three years absence from the law enforcement unit where last appointed. POST may, at its discretion, grant a full or partial waiver of the basic training requirement (Conn. Agencies Reg. § 7-294e1 & 2).

*House Amendment "A" eliminates a provision in the original bill that would have allowed police officers to be laterally certified without meeting entry level requirements for certification.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

BACKGROUND***Police Officer Standards and Training Council***

POST (1) trains, certifies, and establishes minimum qualifications for municipal police officers and (2) enforces professional standards for certifying and decertifying them.

Entry level requirements for municipal police include the following: personal interview, fingerprint examination, background investigation, psychological examination, criminal history record check, controlled substance screen, and physical fitness and medical tests (Conn. Agencies Reg. § 7-294e16). At a minimum the basic training consists of “the curriculum, skill training and hours deemed necessary by the Council, and the supervised departmental training program adopted by the Council” (Conn. Agencies Reg. § 7-294e-3).

COMMITTEE ACTION**Public Safety and Security Committee**

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/15/2011)

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 10 Nay 0 (04/12/2011)

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (04/27/2011)